

# Selected BLS Economic Indicators



## Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick Metropolitan Division

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay** for the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), the Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick Metropolitan Division (MD), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level, and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. An **occupational pay relative** is a calculation of pay (wages, salaries, commission, and production bonuses) for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

| Consumer Price Index<br>(1982-84) = 100                  | March<br>2006         | March<br>2007         | Percent<br>change         |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>                       |                       |                       |                           |
| U.S. City Average  | 199.8                 | 205.352               | 2.8                       |
| South  | 192.8                 | 197.904               | 2.6                       |
| Washington-Baltimore*                                    | 126.8                 | 131.945               | 4.1                       |
| <b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers (CPI-W)</b> |                       |                       |                           |
| U.S. City Average  | 195.3                 | 200.612               | 2.7                       |
| South  | 189.9                 | 194.734               | 2.5                       |
| Washington-Baltimore*                                    | 126.4                 | 131.234               | 3.8                       |
| <b>Producer Price Index, U.S.<br/>(1982 = 100)</b>       | <b>April<br/>2006</b> | <b>April<br/>2007</b> | <b>Percent<br/>change</b> |
| Finished goods   | 160.7                 | 165.8                 | 3.2                       |
| All commodities  | 164.3                 | 171.2                 | 4.2                       |
| Industrial commodities                                   | 168.8                 | 173.7                 | 2.9                       |

\*November 1996=100.

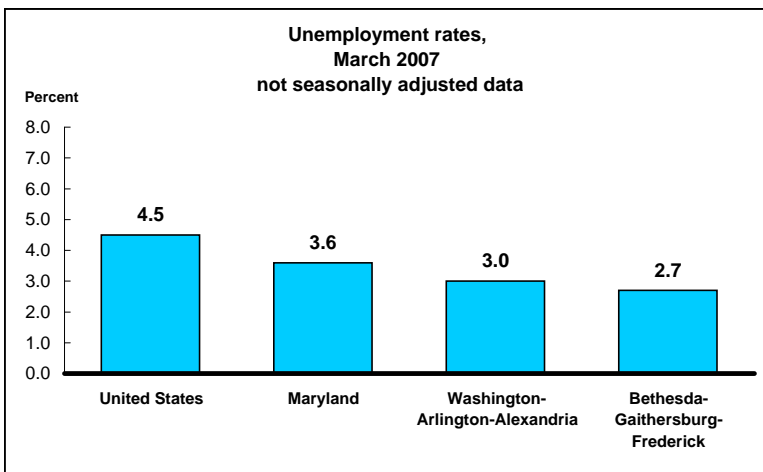
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### Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area                            | March<br>2006 | March<br>2007 | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States                   | 7,255.0       | 6,913.0       | -342.0        | -4.7              |
| Maryland                        | 110.8         | 108.7         | -2.1          | -1.9              |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria | 87.7          | 88.6          | 0.9           | 1.0               |
| Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick | 17.4          | 17.4          | 0.0           | 0.2               |

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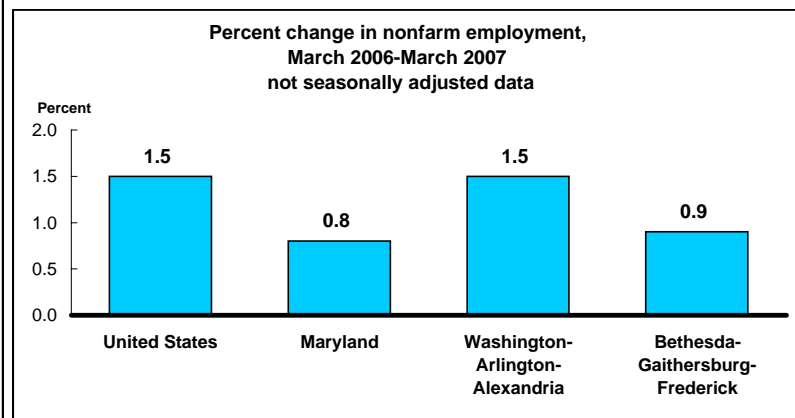
| Employment Cost Index<br>(December 2005) = 100              | 1st Qtr.<br>2006 | 1st Qtr.<br>2007 | Percent<br>change |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers</b>          |                  |                  |                   |
| United States   | 100.8            | 104.0            | 3.2               |
| South   | 101.0            | 104.3            | 3.3               |
| South Atlantic  | 101.2            | 104.9            | 3.7               |
| <b>Occupational Pay Relatives<br/>(United States = 100)</b> | <b>July 2005</b> |                  |                   |
| <b>Washington-Baltimore</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |
| All Occupations   |                  | 106 *            |                   |
| Management, business, and financial                         |                  | 101              |                   |
| Professional and related                                    |                  | 109 *            |                   |
| Service   |                  | 107 *            |                   |
| Sales and related   |                  | 100              |                   |
| Office and administrative support                           |                  | 112 *            |                   |
| Construction and extraction                                 |                  | 102              |                   |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair                       |                  | 111 *            |                   |
| Production  |                  | 113 *            |                   |
| Transportation and material moving                          |                  | 99               |                   |

\*The pay relative for this area is significantly different from the national average of all areas at the 10 percent level of significance.

### Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area                            | March<br>2006 | March<br>2007 | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States                   | 134,868.0     | 136,835.0     | 1,967.0       | 1.5               |
| Maryland                        | 2,566.9       | 2,586.7       | 19.8          | 0.8               |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria | 2,946.7       | 2,990.2       | 43.5          | 1.5               |
| Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick | 572.8         | 578.0         | 5.2           | 0.9               |

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The Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick, Md. Metropolitan Division (MD) includes Frederick and Montgomery Counties in Maryland.  
The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes the District Of Columbia; Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren Counties, and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park Cities in Virginia; Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties in Maryland; and Jefferson County in West Virginia.